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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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In re Application of:

Koji ARAI

Serial No.: 08/796,752

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Group Art Unit: 2739

Examiner: NGUYEN, P.

For: COMMUNICATION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A RADIO LOCAL :
AREA NETWORK SYSTEM USING MACRODIVERSITY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits of the above application, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 14-17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please AMEND claims 1, 2, 6 and 7, as follows.

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A communication method for a radio LAN system including a plurality of base stations which are located at separate areas and a terminal, comprising:

time-divisionally distributing an input signal into at least two signals where each of said signals is sent to the terminal via one of said base stations which is different from another base station of another signal [to be sent to a terminal into at least two signals];

down-converting each signal no more than a frequency which is allocated to said each base station [distributed signals into lower-rate signals];